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## RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed this last April 14, 2004. A response was due this July 14, 2004. A three month extension of time is hereby requested to make the present response due on October 14, 2004. A payment of \$490.00 is required for payment of the extension fee of that amount and a payment of \$72.00 is required for the extra claims fee. Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$562.00 is enclosed in payment of the extension fee and also the extra claims fee. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee is due, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-3260.

Please cancel the claims presently in the application and add the following claims:

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